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FROM
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

DATE
19th MARCH 1923.

FOR CIRCULATION :-

Mr.
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Asst. U.S. of S.

SUBJECT
IMMIGRATION.

Encloses minute of Church and Nation Committee as to unfairness to natives of a continuance of the unrestricted immigration of other races.

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29/3/23

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Secretary of State 30.3

Previous Paper

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We have not yet heard from the C. N. as to whether they agree to Dr Arthur coming home as the missionary representative, but they are fairly certain to agree.

? C. N. read & say that their views will be conveyed to the committee in the discussion which is to take place when the Governor arrives in this country about the end of April

Recd. 10 April 1923

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

General Assembly's Committee on Church and Nation.

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Hon. Secretary—Rev. J. M'N. FRAZER, B.D.

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Conveners' address:—

13 Beaumont Gate,

Dowanhill,

Glasgow,

19th March '23.

Right Honourable

The Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies

Downing Street,

London S.W.1.

Lord Duke,

We have been instructed by the Church and Nation Committee of the Church of Scotland to forward to your Grace the enclosed extract Minute relating to Kenya Colony Immigration. The Church and Nation Committee is the standing Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to which are remitted such questions as that dealt with in this Minute. The Committee has given serious consideration to this very important problem, affecting as it does the future development of the Natives of the Colony, and very earnestly urges your Grace to take sympathetic and favourable notice of its unanimous request.

We remain, My Lord Duke,

Yours most respectfully,

John White, Convener
J. M'N. Frazer, Hon. Secy.

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KENYA COLONY IMMIGRATION.

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The missionaries feel that as the result of the training in industrial and general education which has now been carried on for a number of years, the African is showing a capacity that proves his fitness for increasingly - and in a short time completely - filling all the subordinate services in the Colony, from skilled labour up to posts in Government and mercantile offices. At present these are largely filled by immigrants from races that have enjoyed educational and civilising advantages for longer periods. In fairness to the African it is strongly urged that in his own country he has that first claim to consideration at the hands of the British Government; and that in view of his proved capacity and his increasing development, the immigration of other races should

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should be restricted to the point at which the services of such immigrants are necessary for the Colony's welfare. An unrestricted flood of alien peoples filling the places in the Colony's life naturally belonging to the African, would deprive the many Africans who are responding to the uplifting endeavour of the Missions and the Government, of all incentive to progress. In the words of the cablegram,—"We strongly urge active support to proposed restriction of immigration, for the sake of native races; we are convinced that the development, industrial and otherwise, of the African is seriously jeopardised unless this safeguard is provided; immediate action is essential."

The Committee agreed to record that they cordially share the convictions of their correspondents, and resolved in the interests of the African of Kenya Colony, to forward a copy of this Minute to His Grace, H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to request His Grace's sympathetic consideration of these views that are urged so strongly by men who are giving their lives to the elevation of the people of Africa.

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10 April 1923

General Sir John Egan,
Chief of Scotland
Assembly's Committee on
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I refer to the subject of the 19th of

- Mr. Bruce April 6
- Mr. Varkindley
- Mr.
- Mr. Davis.
- Mr G. Grindle.
- Mr H. Read.
- Mr J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr Ormsby-Gore.
- Duke of Devonshire.

of your letter of the 19th of
 March, forwarding an
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 of the Church and Nation Com^{tee}
~~relating to~~ Kenya
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